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☒ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/868,892, filed JULY 5, 2001, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.

☒ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Japan	11-321727	November 11, 1999
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Japan	11-355137	December 14, 1999
Japan	2000-025711	February 2, 2000
Japan	2000-025712	February 2, 2000
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Japan	2000-048033	February 24, 2000
Japan	2000-298887	September 29, 2000
Japan	2000-313545	October 13, 2000
Japan	2000-313557	October 13, 2000
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- ☐ are submitted herewith
- ☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- ☐ were filed in prior application Serial No.          filed
- ☒ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number PCT/JP00/07909 filed 11/09/00.  
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